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OPENING OF THE SESSION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the thirty-ninth session

Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting on 10 February 1992, the Governing Council elected, by acclamation, the following officers for 1992:

President	H.E. Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland)
Vice-President	H.E. Dr. Martin Adouki (Congo)
Vice-President	H.E. M. Aurel Dragos Munteanu (Romania)
Vice-President	H.E. Dr. Roberto Mayorga-Cortes (Nicaragua)
Vice-President	H.E. Ratu Manasa Kikau Seniloli (Fiji)

2. In accordance with Governing Council decision 92/1 of 14 February 1992, the thirty-ninth session of the Council will begin at the United Nations Office at Geneva on Monday, 4 May 1992. For various reasons, the Bureau of the Governing Council has suggested that the closure of the session be scheduled for Wednesday, 27 May 1992.

3. By its decision 92/1, the Governing Council approved the provisional agenda for its thirty-ninth session (see annex I), and the tentative schedule of work (see annex III). In accordance with paragraph 9 of decision 92/2, a table indicating subjects included in the agenda of the Council in various years is provided in annex II.

4. In its decision 92/2 of 14 February 1992 on rationalization of the work of the Governing Council, the Council decided to include several new subjects in the provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session. However, the Vice-President in charge of the informal consultations on this subject informed the Council of the understanding reached by Members that these new subjects would be discussed without written reports in view of the lack of time to prepare and process such documentation.

5. The tentative schedule of work set out in annex III shows the proposed schedule for the plenary, the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group. The consideration of the various items is scheduled to avoid simultaneous meetings by the sessional bodies dealing with the same matter. The Governing Council approved the tentative schedule of work by its decision 92/1, on the understanding that the Bureau of the Council be entrusted with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session. The schedule of work has been revised so that the session may be closed on Wednesday, 27 May 1992.

6. Meetings will normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In that context, it may be recalled that, by section I, paragraph 3 (j), of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Governing Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled time. The Council, by section III of its decision 92/1, decided to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedure for its meetings in 1992, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement that there be a quorum of one third of the members of the Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate. In the same decision, the Council also decided that there shall be a time limit of 15 minutes for all interventions, those made by the delegations and secretariat alike, during the session.

I. PLENARY

7. The high-level segment of the plenary will be held from 11 to 13 May 1992. By its decision 92/1, the Governing Council decided to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 30 March 1992 and to close it on 11 May 1992.

8. By its decision 91/53 of 25 June 1991, the Governing Council decided that the policy review item to be considered at the high-level segment of its thirty-ninth session should be the annual report of the Administrator for 1991 and priority areas identified therein. The priority areas identified in the annual report (DP/1992/12 and Add.1) are the following:

(a) UNDP's response to General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and the vital role of UNDP's field office network to make this response operational;

(b) Environment;

(c) HIV/AIDS;

(d) Women in development;

(e) National execution;

(f) Support costs successor arrangements;

(g) Coordination of operational activities;

(h) Technical cooperation among developing countries;

(i) Economies in transition.

II. STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS

9. In paragraph 4 of its decision 91/2 A of 22 February 1991, the Governing Council decided that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters should work within the framework of procedures of the Council, in a similar manner to the Budgetary and Finance Committee, taking into account, inter alia, the latter's practice with respect to the organization of work, the preparation of decisions, as well as the reporting to the plenary meetings of the Council.

10. The Governing Council, by section VI of its decision 92/1 and in accordance with its decisions 90/23 of 23 June 1990 and 91/2, agreed that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters should deal with the following items at the thirty-ninth session:

(a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

(b) All country and intercountry programmes;

(c) Global and interregional projects;

(d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);

(e) Evaluation.

11. A large number of country programmes will be presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session for approval. UNFPA will submit 31 country programmes to the Council and UNDP will submit 63 country and intercountry programmes and approximately 50 extensions. This will require that a maximum amount of meetings of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters be dedicated to the consideration of country programmes. The Standing Committee is therefore scheduled to hold in-session meetings almost continuously during the thirty-ninth session. The only scheduled interruption of its meetings is during the high-level segment.

III. BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

12. The Budgetary and Finance Committee is scheduled to meet from 4 to 25 May 1992. Taking into account that 1992 is an interim budgetary year, 20 meetings will be allocated to the work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee in accordance with paragraph 12 of the annex to decision 87/50 of 19 June 1987.

13. The Governing Council, by section VII of its decision 92/1, decided to allocate to the Budgetary and Finance Committee item 10 of the Council's provisional agenda. The Council further decided to allocate to the Committee financial, budgetary and administrative questions related to item 7 (United Nations Population Fund). As in the past, the Committee will review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council, especially in light of decision 86/53 of 27 June 1986. Moreover, the Council, at the beginning of its regular session, may refer a number of items on its agenda having financial implications to the Budgetary and Finance Committee for prior consideration of these aspects.

IV. DRAFTING GROUP

14. In accordance with section I, paragraph 3 (k), of decision 81/37, decision 85/47 of 29 June 1985 and the annex to decision 87/50, arrangements have also been made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Governing Council during its thirty-ninth session. It is scheduled to meet during the period 7-26 May 1992.

15. By section III, paragraph 4, of its decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, the Governing Council endorsed the principles which should guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group. The Drafting Group will elaborate and finalize draft decisions on those items referred to it by the plenary for the ultimate adoption of such decisions by the Council. All draft decisions formulated by the Drafting Group having financial implications must be referred to the Budgetary and Finance Committee before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda.

2. Annual report of the Administrator for 1991 and priority areas identified therein (high-level segment).

The priority areas identified in the introduction to the annual report (DP/1992/12) and the main programme record (DP/1992/12/Add.1) are the following:

(a) UNDP's response to General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and the vital role of UNDP's field office network to make this response operational;

(b) Environment;

(c) HIV/AIDS;

(d) Women in development;

(e) National execution;

(f) Support costs successor arrangements;

(g) Coordination of operational activities;

(h) Technical cooperation among developing countries;

(i) Economies in transition. a/

3. Programme-level activities.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Environment;

(b) UNDP assistance in private sector development;

(c) Micro-capital grants;

(d) Human development report;

(e) Interrational Year for the World's Indigenous People.

4. Special programmes of assistance.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s; b/

(b) Humanitarian programmes, including refugees, displaced persons, returnees and UNDP response to emergencies;

(c) Impact of the Gulf crisis;

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(e) UNDP participation in international cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

5. Programme implementation.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) National execution;

(b) National capacity-building;

(c) Programme management issues, including decentralization and the programme approach;

(d) Coordination;

(e) Evaluation.

6. Programme planning.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Country and intercountry programmes and projects; c/

(b) Matters relating to the programming cycles; d/

(c) Support costs successor arrangements;

(d) Issues relating to programme quality, impact, sustainability, efficiency and programme/project audits.

7. United Nations Population Fund.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Annual report of the Executive Director for 1991 and programme-level activities; e/

(b) Country programmes;

(c) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters. f/

8. United Nations technical cooperation activities.

9. Other funds and programmes.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the United Nations Volunteers programme on Thursday, 7 May 1992.

10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1991 (including trust funds);

(b) Revised budget estimates for 1992-1993;

(c) Audit reports and other matters;

(d) Status of management services;

(e) Financial regulations: Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved.

11. Other matters.

Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Venue of sessions of the Governing Council;

(b) Senior management structure;

(c) The Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern Europe: Ways of establishing a United Nations presence.

12. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1993.

Notes

a/ The annual report of the Administrator for 1991 (DP/1992/12 and Add.1-6) will also include information on the following:

(i) Implementation of country, regional, interregional, global and Special Programme Resources-funded programmes;

(ii) Important highlights of activities of other funds and programmes, including the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

(iii) Significant steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to follow up resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and by other organs and organizations of the United Nations system, especially resolutions dealing with operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(iv) Regional economic integration;

(v) Procurement from developing countries;

(vi) Human Development Report;

(vii) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to the United Nations Development Programme;

(viii) Any other matters to be brought to the attention of the Governing Council.

b/ This will include a report on the implementation of the evaluations of the Social Dimensions of Adjustment, national technical cooperation assessments and programmes, and UNDP assistance to intergovernmental organizations in Africa.

c/ This will include reports concerning assistance to, inter alia, Cambodia, Lebanon and Liberia.

d/ This will include the following:

(i) Communications received containing requests to be given recipient status;

(ii) Follow-up to decision 91/19 on assistance to Yemen;

(iii) Follow-up to decision 92/7: Special Programme Resources: Programming document for Social Dimensions of Adjustment;

(iv) Follow-up to decision 92/9 on preparations for the fifth programming cycle.

e/ This will include the following:

(i) Report of the Executive Director for 1991;

(ii) Work Plan for 1993-1996 and request for approval authority;

(iii) Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects;

(iv) Periodic report on evaluation activities of UNFPA;

(v) Collaborative programming activities of UNICEF and UNFPA;

(vi) UNFPA guidelines on national execution;

(vii) Progress report on UNFPA support costs successor arrangements;

(viii) Medium-term operational strategy for UNFPA;

(ix) Review of the agenda of the Governing Council with a view to further streamlining.

f/ This will include the following:

(i) Annual financial review;

(ii) Audit reports.

Annex II

TABLE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
1991-1994

	Years for consideration of items			
High-level segment		1992		1994
Annual report of the Administrator including, inter alia, information as requested in paragraph 1 of decision 92/2	1991	1992	1993	1994
Programme-level activities				
Human development report	1991	1992	1993	1994
Management Development Programme	1991		1993	
Technical cooperation among developing countries	1991		1993	
Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations	1991		1993	
Women in development	1991		1993	
The activities of UNDP in combating HIV and AIDS	1991		1993	
Micro-capital grants		1992		
Environment		1992	1993	
Private sector in development (decision 91/11)	1992			
Regional economic integration (decision 91/10)			1993	
International Year for the World's Indigenous People (decision 91/12)	1992			
Special programmes of assistance				
Impact of the Gulf crisis	1991	1992	1993	

	Years for consideration of items			
Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s	1991	1992		
Progress report on the implementation of three evaluations (decision 91/26)		1992		
Transport and Communications Decade in Africa	1991			
Matters relating to the least developed countries	1991		1993	
Humanitarian programmes, including refugees, displaced persons, returnees and the UNDP response to emergencies	1991	1992		1994
Assistance to national liberation movements		1992		1994
Assistance to the Palestinian people	1991	1992	1993	1994
Assistance to Yemen (decision 91/19) (included in the report on matters relating to the programming cycles)		1992		
Assistance to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Yemen (decision 91/20)		1992		
UNDP participation in international cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at Chernobyl (decision 91/23) (oral report)		1992		
Programme implementation				
National execution	1991	1992	1993	1994
National capacity-building (decision 92/2)		1992	1993	1994
Programme management issues, including decentralization and the programme approach (decisions 91/27 and 92/2)		1992	1993	1994

	Years for consideration of items			
Coordination (decision 92/2)		1992	1993	1994
Evaluation	1991	1992	1993	1994
Programme planning				
Country, intercountry, global and Special Programme Resources programmes and projects	1991	1992	1993	1994
Reports on mid-term reviews of country and intercountry programmes	1991			1994
Matters relating to the programming programming cycles	1991	1992	1993	1994
Issues relating to programme quality, impact, sustainability, efficiency and programme/project audits		1992	1993 a/	1994
Funding strategy	1991			
Support costs successor arrangements	1991	1992	1993	1994
Sectoral support	1991			
United Nations Population Fund	1991	1992	1993	1994
United Nations technical cooperation activities	1991	1992	1993	1994
Other funds and programmes				
United Nations Capital Development Development Fund	1991		1993	
United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development (decision 92/2)	1991		1994	
United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources (UNISTAR) and Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN) (decision 92/2)			1994	

	Years for consideration of items			
United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office Office	1991		1993	
United Nations Development Fund for Women	1991		1993	
United Nations Volunteers programme		1992		1994
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters				
Annual review of the financial situation (including trust funds)	1991	1992	1993	1994
Revised budget estimates for current biennium	1991	1992	1993	1994
Budget estimates for next biennium	1991		1993	
Audit reports	1991	1992	1993	
Report on the status of management services		1992		1994
Financial Regulations: Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved		1992		1994
Procurement from developing countries	1991		1993	
Experiences and utilization of the development support services (para. 39 of decision 91/46)			1993	
Other matters				
Venue of the sessions of the Governing Council (decisions 91/50 and 92/3)		1992		
Senior management structure	1991	1992		
Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern Europe: Ways of establishing a United Nations presence		1992		

	Years for consideration of items			
Standing Committee for Programme Matters	1991			
United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures (decision 92/2)	1991		1993	
Rationalization of the work of the Governing Council	1991	1992	1993	1994

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a/ This includes efficiency of programming and the comparative advantages of UNDP (decision 91/31) in 1993.

Schedule of work

Annex III

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Week 1

	MONDAY 4 May 1992		TUESDAY 5 May 1992		WEDNESDAY 6 May 1992		THURSDAY 7 May 1992		FRIDAY 8 May 1992	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	1. Opening of the session and adoption of agenda (1) 2. UNFPA (7) Annual report of the Executive Director	UNFPA (7)	UNFPA (7)	Human Development Report (3) Matters relating to the programming cycles, including assistance to Yemen and communications received (6)	UN technical cooperation activities (8)	CIS and Eastern Europe (11)	Other funds and programmes: UNV (9)		12.00: Annual report of the Administrator (2) (Introduction)	
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)	1.SCPM report 10-14 Feb.92. 2.Introduct. field visits. 3.SPR:C6 (Dec. 92/7) 4.RBA Country programmes	Country programmes RBA	Country programmes RBA	UNFPA (7)	UNFPA (7)	UNFPA (7)	Country programmes RBA	Country programmes RBA	Country programmes RBA	Country programmes RBAP
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)		Opening and organizational matters Annual financial review (10) Statement by the Associate Administrator	Audit reports, including status of management services and financial regulations (10)	Meeting	Meeting		UNFPA (7)	UNFPA (7)	UNFPA (7)	
DRAFTING GROUP								Decisions	Decisions	Decisions

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Week 2

	MONDAY 11 May 1992		TUESDAY 12 May 1992		WEDNESDAY 13 May 1992		THURSDAY 14 May 1992		FRIDAY 15 May 1992	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	H I G H - L E V E L S E G M E N T Annual report of the Administrator for 1991 and the priority subjects identified therein						Humanitarian programmes, including refugees and UNDP response to emergencies (4)	Support costs successor arrangements (6) Programme issues, including national execution, programme approach and national capacity-building (5) Coordination (5)	Programme-level activities, including micro-capital grants and private sector (3)	(3) continued Venue of Council sessions (11)
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)							Country programmes RBAP	Country programmes RBAP	Country programmes RBAP	Country programmes RBAP
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Revised budget estimates 1992-1993 (10)	(10) Continued	(10) Continued	(10) Continued	Meeting	Meeting				
DRAFTING GROUP		Decisions		Decisions			Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions

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Week 3

	MONDAY 18 May 1992		TUESDAY 19 May 1992		WEDNESDAY 20 May 1992		THURSDAY 21 May 1992		FRIDAY 22 May 1992	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Special programmes of assistance (4): UN-NADAF Chernobyl Palestinian people	(4) continued Impact of Gulf crisis (4)	Issues relating to programme quality (6)	Senior management structure (11)	Outstanding matters from previous plenary meetings					
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)	Country programmes EUROPE	Country programmes EUROPE	Country programmes ARAB STATES	Country programmes ARAB STATES	Evaluation	Evaluation	Country programmes RBLAC	Country programmes RBLAC	Country programmes RBLAC	Country programmes RBLAC
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)			Meeting							
DRAFTING GROUP	Decisions	Decisions		Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions

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Week 4

	MONDAY 25 May 1992		TUESDAY 26 May 1992		WEDNESDAY 27 May 1992	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)			List of reports requested in draft decisions			1. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1993 (12) Closure of the session
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)	Country programmes RBLAC	Country programmes RBLAC	Global and interregional programmes DGIP	Future programme of work Draft report		
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Draft report	Draft report				
DRAFTING GROUP	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions		